# LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

# MEETING MINUTES February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Virtual (WebEx)

## **MEMBERS PRESENT (via Webex):**

Sarah Teeters

Alli Woosley

Michael Meeks (interim Chief of Equity)

Scott Reed-D16

Dia Erpenbeck

Jon Pilbean

Verna Goatley

Steve Hendricks

Dave Marchal

**Greg Willett** 

# **Community Members Present**

Larry Sloan Regina Ostertag Chuck Rogers

David Allgood

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM by Sarah.
- II. INTRODUCTIONS

#### III. MEETING MINUTES

a. December 2021 minutes are posted online. Please let Alli know of any changes or corrections. No quorum present to approve minutes.

#### IV. COMMISSION APPOINTEE UPDATES

- a. Kelly Gannon and Amy Verst have resigned from the Commission. Greg Willett has joined The Commission, he comes to use from Kentucky Stat Vocational Rehab. He represents a rehabilitation professional. Welcome Greg!
- b. Two members will be up for approval from Metro Council tomorrow.
- c. The Commission has received several applications.
- d. Roles that still need to be filled are Education, Employment Agency and a Person Representing a Disability Group.
- e. Committee By-laws need to be updated with the correct meeting day and time. Let Sarah know of any other changes you would like to see.

#### V. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Transportation (Provided by Dia)-Councilwoman Nicole George provided an update and report from the meeting with TARC. A report by an external company was done to evaluate TARC services. The sub-committee would still like to see the MOU between TARC and TAAC. The subcommittee would like to invite Carrie Butler, TARC Executive Director, to the March Commission Meeting. Larry S provided that the MOU between TARC and TAAC has not been decided yet, he also asked if the report could be shared for others in the group. Councilman Scott Reed provided that the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee with Metro Council has agreed to ask Carrie Butler, TARC Executive Director, to come and answer questions at their next meeting.
- b. Housing & Visitability (Provided by David A) —Has not met; David has reached out to representatives of Louisville Metro Housing inquiring about new funds and housing related to disability access. Dave M offered to have someone from Housing to answer questions at a future meeting, if the group is interested. Sarah suggested the April meeting to ensure there is enough time to talk about housing. Larry has information on a new tiny housing project idea from the Washington State. He will share information with the members of the Commission. Sarah asked if Dave M could lead this sub-committee. Dave M agreed to be the chair of the Housing & Visitability Sub-Committee.
- c. Employment -No Members Present
- d. **Public Spaces/Events**-Has not met; meeting scheduled for next week
- e. Education & Awareness-No Members Present

#### VI. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR

- a. A new Chair of the Commission needs to be nominated by the group. Anyone interested should contact Sarah.
- b. Dia requested information on members of the Commission and which roles they serve (exoficio versus appointed). Sarah will send an update contact list for the Commission
- c. Chief Meeks will send new ADA materials to the group. You can find the **ADA Best Practices**Tool Kit for State and Local Governments <u>HERE</u>
- d. Sarah confirmed that the new Chair of the Commission could be an exoficio or appointment member.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. David A asked for a representative of LMPD or another entity to come and speak to the Commission about parking issues/parking ordinances and training for officers on working with persons with disabilities.
- b. Sarah asked the group for their input on returning to in-person meetings at the Edison Center or a new location in the next few months.

#### VIII. NEXT Meeting

Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 4:00pm-5:00pm via Webex Virtual Platform.

All future meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Meetings will continue to be held via Virtual Platform and recorded until public health lifts restrictions on public gatherings.